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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

Abstract

A method and system for secure management of contact information is disclosed. A service provider maintains a database with subscribers' updated contact information, such as address book entries and other personal and business information. When a user's information changes, subscribers on a recipient list are automatically updated without any user intervention. The subscribers' anonymity is assured by correlating contact information in the provider's database with encrypted subscriber ID's, such as hashed email addresses.